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Paul B. Ferrara, Ph.D., Director
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Dear Dr. Ferrara:

The ASCLD/LAB Board of Directors has reviewed the report prepared by the scientific team which conducted a review of DNA casework in the Virginia Division of Forensic Science laboratories under the direction of The Honorable Judge Robert J. Humphreys.

All of the recommendations in the ASCLD/LAB Limited Scope Interim Inspection of the DFS Central Laboratory have been addressed. The DFS Central Laboratory has also completed all recommended actions related to Jeff Ban, including a review of thirty three of Mr. Ban's cases. The scientific review team found no technical procedural errors or deviations from accepted scientific protocol in the cases reviewed and found that conclusions in those cases were scientifically supported. Based on the report's findings, ASCLD/LAB is satisfied that all recommendations for corrective action regarding Mr. Ban have been followed. Therefore he may be assigned or reassigned duties that you deem appropriate, including those of DNA Technical Leader for the Virginia Division of Forensic Science.

On behalf of the ASCLD/LAB Board, I commend you and the Virginia DFS for your cooperation in the Interim Inspection and the corrective actions, so as to reaffirm, that quality work is being consistently performed in the laboratories of the Virginia DFS.

Sincerely,

Donald A. Wyckoff
Chair, ASCLD/LAB

cc: ASCLD/LAB Board
Ralph Keaton, Executive Director